

## Drive against malpractices in buses

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A mobile court has started special drive against different malpractices like increasing seats and realising excessive fares at passenger

ger buses in Chittagong.

The drive titled 'Operation Protect Passengers' Rights' aims at checking harassment of passengers and other irregularities in buses of city service and inter-

district routes.

According to sources, some greedy bus owners are frequently increasing the number of seats exceeding the capacity approved by Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA).

It narrows down the space between the rows of seats causing utter discomfort to the passengers of distant routes.

Under the drive led by

magistrate Munir Chowdhury, the mobile court detained a good number of buses running between Chittagong and Comilla, Feni and Noakhali in the last few days.

It fined the bus owners, compelled them to remove the additional seats and give undertaking that they will follow BRTA rules in future.

Magistrate Munir said the drive will also continue to check collection of excessive fare and smoking inside the buses.



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Detained Chittagong Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury is taken in wheelchair from one block to another for medical check-up at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital in the city yesterday.

### EWU freshers' orientation held

The orientation programme of the newly admitted students for Summer Semester 2007 in different undergraduate programmes of East West University (EWU) was held at the university auditorium yesterday, says a press release.

University Grants Commission Chairman Prof Nazul Islam attended the programme as the chief guest while EWU Board of Directors President Jalaluddin Ahmed was the special guest.

A total of 399 students enrolled in this semester in the undergraduate programmes in different subjects.

Vice Chancellor Prof Mohammed Sharif as a programme chair highlighted the existing infrastructure facilities, qualified faculty members and other issues.

Pro-VC Prof Mohammad Musa gave the welcome address.